# **CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

11973 San Vicente Boulevard LADOT Case No. WLA20-109994

Date: November 29, 2021

To: Susan Jimenez, Administrative Clerk

**Department of City Planning** 

All for Sanchez (Nov. 12021 22 CST)

From: Robert Sanchez, Transportation Engineer

Department of Transportation

Subject: CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEMOLITION

PROJECT AT 11973-75 SAN VICENTE BOULEVARD

Pursuant to the LADOT Transportation Assessment Guidelines (TAG), the Department of Transportation (DOT) has completed the traffic assessment of the proposed demolition project at 11973-75 San Vicente Boulevard. This traffic assessment is based on a construction traffic memo prepared by Gibson Transportation Consulting (GTC), received in October, 2021. After a review of the pertinent data, DOT has determined that the traffic memo adequately describes the project-related impacts of the proposed development and have addressed concerns related to section 3.4 of the TAG.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project Site is currently improved with an existing 13,956 square foot (sf) commercial building, commonly referred to as the Barry Building, and a portion of an associated surface parking lot. Vehicular access to the Project Site is provided via one driveway along San Vicente Boulevard. The Barry Building is a designated City Historic-Cultural Monument (HCM No. LA-887) that has been vacant since 2017. The Project consists of the demolition of the Barry Building and three palm trees currently on-site. The existing surface parking lot currently on-site would not be removed with the Project. The Project would result in the removal of approximately 4,174 cubic yards (CY) of debris from the Project Site.

The Project does not include or consider any future development on the Project Site.

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

### **Construction Impacts**

According to Section 3.4 of the TAG, GTC submitted a memo detailing the scope of work and potential construction related impacts of the proposed demolition project. In addition, GTC addressed sections 3.4.3 and 3.4.4 in detail and in relation to the proposed work.

Construction activities of the Project include asbestos abatement, building demolition, and utilities removal, and are anticipated to be complete over a seven-week period. Construction activities of these three phases would not overlap.

A demolition management plan detailing street closure information, a detour plan, and a staging plan will be submitted to the City for review and approval. With the approved plan in place, it is anticipated

that there would not be any significant peak hour construction traffic congestion. The demolition plan will include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Advance, bilingual notification of adjacent property owners and occupants of upcoming construction activities, including durations and daily hours of operation
- Prohibition of construction-related vehicles/equipment parking on adjacent streets
- Temporary pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic controls during all construction activities
  adjacent to San Vicente Boulevard to ensure traffic safety for all travel modes on public
  rights-of-way and maintain a safe pedestrian route to nearby schools. These controls shall
  include, but not be limited to, flag people trained in pedestrian and bicycle safety at the
  Project Site's driveways.
- Provision of covered walkways where pedestrians are exposed to potential injury from falling objects
- Safety precautions for pedestrians and bicyclists through such measures as alternate routing and protection barriers shall be implemented as appropriate
- The sidewalk shall be kept open during construction except when it is absolutely required
  to close or block sidewalk for construction staging. Sidewalk shall be reopened as soon
  as reasonably feasible, taking construction and construction staging into account
- Scheduling of construction activities to reduce the effect on traffic flow on surrounding Arterial Streets
- Containment of construction activity within the Project Site boundaries
- No staging or parking of construction vehicles on any of the streets immediately adjacent to schools
- Ongoing contact with the administrator of nearby schools during construction and guarantee that safe and convenient pedestrian and bus routes to the school be maintained
- All haul truck activity to and from the Project Site shall occur outside of the morning and afternoon commuter peak hours
- Haul route scheduling sequenced to minimize conflicts with pedestrians, school buses and
  cars at the arrival and dismissal times of the school day. Haul route trucks shall not be
  routed past schools during periods when school is in session, especially when students
  are arriving or departing from the campus

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach me via email or at (213) 485-1062.

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